(*a*) whether the Registrar of the High Court, Mr. P. N. Sitarama Aiyar, is junior to most of the Temporary Second Judges; and

(*b*) whether his earlier confirmation on Rs. 400 will give him seniority over those Temporary Second Judges?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 78.

Transfer of Secretariat Officers to Executive Offices and vice versa.

80. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of graduate clerks drawing Rs. 50 and above and the number of Superintendents who have been sent out of the General and Revenue Secretariat to the Magisterial, Excise, Police and other Departments during 1097, 1098 and up to the end of Dhanu, 1099; and

(*b*) the number of hands taken into the Secretariat from the several departments?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Three men were sent out to the Revenue Department, three were sent out as Magistrates and four to the Devaswom Department.

(2) Eight men were taken from the Revenue Department; one from the Account Office; one from the Palace Office; and one from the Royal Stables Office.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to give their kind consideration to the application of one of the Superintendents, Mr. M. Govinda Pillai, for a place in the Excise Department as Assistant Excise Commissioner?

PRESIDENT: It does not arise here, Mr. Hoogewerf.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Have not Government stated that it is their policy to send out to the executive line from time to time, clerks, superintendents and others from the Secretariat?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are they keeping to that promise?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; as far as possible.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Does the statement show that they are doing it in a generous way?

PRESIDENT: It is a matter of inference and opinion.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to give greater effect to their declared policy in this matter?

PRESIDENT: There is nothing to show that they are not giving effect to it.

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[Mr. N. Kumaran.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Very few are sent out, Sir.

PRESIDENT: It is a matter of opinion, Mr. Hoogewerf. Question time is not the time for expressing it.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that a large number of clerks are vegetating in the Huzur Secretariat? (*Laughter.*)

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND IX—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE—(*contd.*)

Motion 166.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): I beg to make the following motion:—

166. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,300 for Law College Hostel by Rs. 100.

Sir, during the budget debate in 1097, I raised the question of admitting all classes of students into this hostel, and the undesirability of keeping any longer any caste institution. Mr. Subba Aiyar, in his reply, said that the matter was engaging the attention of the High Court which has the control of the Law College and the hostel; and the Government promised to consider the question on obtaining the views of the High Court. Two years have now passed by and yet there is no prospect of this institution shedding itself of its caste garb. I should like to know what has become of that correspondence and whether the High Court forwarded any suggestions to the Government. If they did not do so, I should also like to know why the Government did not take any steps to throw open the Hostel to students of all classes.

The usual argument of want of sufficient accommodation is unfortunately not available to Government in this instance. In 1097, the institution had 56 students in residence; but in 1098, the Hostel had only 26 students showing a reduction of more than 50 per cent. Yet other students are not admitted. What does this state of affairs show? It shows either that Government do not pay any attention to these questions or that they are too much enamoured of all caste organisations. It seems to me that no other conclusion is possible in view of the great cost per student that is being incurred by Government in maintaining the institution. For housing 26 students, Government incurred in 1098 a net expenditure of Rs. 3,553, which works out at the rate of Rs. 127 per student. The fee income that Government can collect from each of the students is not more than Rs. 126. It therefore amounts to giving each of these lucky students a free tuition and an extra rupee as pocket money. I daresay most of these students hail from outside the State,

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